

Hannah's Harpoons

BY HANNAH SAMPSON

In Huxley's "Brave New World" there is an episode wherein all the little children are taken to a cheerful hospital where the well-preserved aged are dying in a medically-induced state of euphoria. The children look forward to this gruesome delight because it is at this time only that they are showered with toys and games, candy and other sweets, and they are given the only freedom they are ever permitted to enjoy.

This is called "death-conditioning." It occurs to me that in our society we offer a similar conditioning, except that it may be referred to as "illness-conditioning," and this is how it works:

Physician's Nightmare
Pay little or not attention to your children until they become ill. Then and only then fix their favorite foods, play games with them, listen to them (really listen, that is) and generally make it so attractive to be ill that forever in their minds they will make the most out of tiny ailments, and their hypochondria will become a physician's nightmare.

There are, however, many positive ways in which conditioning may be employed to the great advantage of growing minds.

As I write this, the unseasonal rain pours down my window and my own sense of well-being increases as the precipitation becomes measurable. I love the rain. I love everything about it. I like getting wet, and coming to get into dry things. I like to bake on such a day. And, wishing my children to enjoy what I enjoy, I am conditioning them to look forward to lots of rain.

So, meals on rainy days are special. All of the favorite foods are served, cookies are baked, friends invited. Perhaps we have an impromptu theatrical performance, stay up a bit later, or whatever. Anything that will make the day outstanding; something to look forward to. Anyone, it seems to me, can be cheerful on a sharp, blue, bird-singing, sun-shining day. If one can also enjoy the gray days, this is just so much gravy.

Wonderful Legacy
I often conjecture on what conditioning was used upon me as a child, that a day that is so miserable to so many others can produce so much happiness in me. (I just talked with my father on the phone and he was complaining about the rain. So it must have been my mother.) Bless her! She left me a wonderful legacy.

Seasons Change
We all know that no matter how dismal the weather is in preceding the opening of school, on the day school actually opens, summer comes in with a blast of heat and remains this way for an interminable period.

The premise is acceptable? O.K. Then why don't we arrange to have the months of school vacation set forward accordingly? Why don't we end the school year in July and begin it in October?

If this sounds a bit radical, we need only to remind ourselves that Daylight Saving Time was greeted with cries of revolt all over, and especially among the farmers, who opined that the cows would refuse to give milk and the hens would be at a loss to know when to lay their eggs. Notwithstanding the yelps of dismay, we are still drinking milk and still serving "Adam and Eve on a Raft."

This "revolution" could probably be accomplished by a little prodding of the lawmakers in Sacramento. It might be fun to try, too.

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT CONDEMNING HIMSELF TO UNEMPLOYMENT

"The high school dropout is condemning himself to years of unemployment," according to Murray Love, manager of the California State Employment Service.

Love announced an all-out effort by his agency to persuade local youth to return to school so that they will acquire the training to make them employable. Television and sports stars have been enlisted in the anti-dropout campaign, he said.

Filmed TV messages featuring Mickey Mantle, George Maharis, Merv Griffin and Johnny Nash will be shown frequently as a public service on five Los Angeles channels during the remainder of September.

"For many years an education was necessary to get a good job," Love said, "but now it is needed to get almost any job. The unskilled workers in this area are competing desperately among themselves for the few jobs open to persons without training."

"The student who is not academically inclined should seek apprenticeship, trade school or on-the-job training in a 'demand' occupation,"

Love continued, "but a high school diploma is usually a minimum requirement to enter into apprenticeship."

"A college degree is becoming increasingly necessary for an entry-level white collar job."

Youth counseling and information on "demand" occupations is available in any office of the State Employment Service, he explained.

Love summed up the job outlook for youth in these words:

"In today's labor market, survival depends on skill acquired through education and training."

Firm to Display Wares At Show

The most complete line of blue print, map and plan filing systems available will be exhibited at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago by the Plan Hold Corporation of Torrance during the 56th annual convention of the National Stationary and Office Equipment Association, beginning Oct. 5.

More than 15,000 dealers, manufacturers and travelers from throughout the United States and Canada are expected to attend the convention and exhibit, according to Burt F. Henderson, president of the national organization, who resides in Ventura, Calif.



ONE THOUSANDTH MEMBER of the Lomita Board of Realtors, Eleanor Bergschneider, is presented a plaque by Hallie Crow, membership chairman commemorating the event at recent luncheon at the realty board headquarters. R. Dymock Smith, 21st District Regional

Vice President, congratulated the board on its astounding growth comparing the 1953 total sales for the past year at \$1,550,000 against the \$60,000,000 estimated for this year.

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1. Valley (poet.)	2. Strike	3. Coniferous tree	4. Shoshonean Indians	5. Similar	6. Beginning	7. Memo-randum	8. Balkan country	9. Greek letter	10. Obese	11. Letter	12. Bowers	13. Pistolet (slang)	14. Like ale	15. Distant	16. Sum of money	17. Having tufts	18. Exist	19. Down-ing Street	20. Hawaiian bird	21. Communi-cate, as by flags	22. Lump of earth	23. Long claw	24. Without funds (slang)	25. Weasel-like animal	26. Artist's stand	27. Observes	28. Pitcher
21. Not new fabric	22. Oper-ated	23. Gram-pus	24. Merri-ment	25. Ab-stains	26. Church part from food	27. Eskimo boats	28. Chief deity (Babyl.)	29. Copious drink (slang)	30. Warble	31. Armored vehicles	32. Not any	33. Bird's crop	34. Fail to win	35. Insect													

Area Firms Take Advantage of Special First Aid Classes

Two industrial firms in Torrance and a school in Harbor City are among the more than 40 firms who this week took advantage of the special first aid training being offered by Red Cross in cooperation with the National Safety Council.

The 11-week course, being offered at four locations in the Los Angeles area, is restricted to representatives of business and industry in order that it may deal extensively with on-the-job safety, according to Fire Dept. Captain, Walter West who serves as first aid chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch.

Among those taking the course on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in San Pedro are Stanford L. Woods, shift foreman at the Rome Cable division of Alcoa, and Dorothy Sharp, bus coordinator, and MayBelle Snyder, vice principal, at Harbor City Christian School.

Douglas Aircraft's Torrance operation is being represented by Lt. L. H. Beatty, officer of plant protection, who is taking the training on Wednesdays at the Southwestern Red Cross headquarters in Inglewood.

Capt. West says this free preparedness training course offered by Red Cross will give students a complete and thorough development of emergency first aid meas-

ures plus teach them how to organize and conduct standard and advanced courses in on-the-job situations and how to coordinate this training with existing safety programs.

"Because first aid training is an important part of a sound safety program, this opportunity is being presented so each firm will have trained instructors to carry on first aid courses open to all employees," he concludes.

Also to be played will be Gabrielli's Canzon Premi Toni, Procidebam Dominum by Orlando de Lasso, Four Songs for Brass, Harp and Percussion by William Schmidt, Debussy's Harp solo: First Arabesque, Tomasi's Fanfares Liturgiques and Prelude and Faugue for Brass and Percussion by Rayner Brown.

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Creative Writing Class Set by Recreation Dept.

A class for young budding writers will be offered by the Torrance Recreation Department starting Saturday, Sept. 28. This creative writing class for youths 9 to 14 years will be held at Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., from noon until 1 p. m.

Interest in writing started with the story-writing in the department stage-craft class in summer. The stories written by the children were collected and printed in booklet form. One of the stories, "Once Behind a Lawnmower," was adapted and produced as a dance-drama by the stage-craft and modern dance classes.

During the creative writing class, the young writers will work on short stories under guidance of their instructor, Joan Maguire. At completion of the class, a story-writing contest will be judged by Falon Evans of the Immaculate Heart College English department. Winners will be announced at a writers' party. Fee for the class is 50 cents for the four-week class.

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